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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1950.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1950, was estimated to be 557,918 comprising 286,803 Males and 271,115 Females

On the 30th June, 1950, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 301,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		<u>OCTOBER</u>		<u>10 Months ended OCTOBER</u>	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Marriages	Number	493	403	4,495	4,012
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	10.27	8.77	9.72	9.05
Births	Number	1,287	1,268	11,775	11,248
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	26.82	27.59	25.46	25.38
Deaths	Number	465	405	4,216	4,018
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	9.69	8.81	9.11	9.07
Infant Mortality	Number	35	34	316	290
	Rate per 1000 Live Births	27.20	26.81	26.84	25.78
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
Tuberculosis		8	14	112	115
Cancer		50	52	562	549
Influenza		7	-	24	11
Diphtheria		1	-	7	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		64	40	438	367
Arteriosclerosis		13	14	117	125
Diseases of the Heart		129	119	1,258	1,246
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia		22	16	151	223
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		2	5	42	31
Nephritis		11	14	98	150
Diseases of Early Infancy		20	22	192	172
Senility		1	6	36	64
Accidents		32	26	346	275
All Other Causes		105	77	833	686
<u>TOTAL</u>		465	405	4,216	4,018

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

/ Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November, totalled 1,013,476 acres, an increase of 319,632 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,384,394 acres, an increase of 262,698 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of NOVEMBER		5 Months ended November	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	2,258,293	2,446,635	10,058,414	9,107,952
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3. 19. 8d.	£4. 10. 2d.	£17. 17. 4d.	£16. 18. 7d.
Expenditure	2,303,653	2,081,983	10,703,738	9,503,614
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£4. 1. 3d.	£3. 16. 9d.	£19. 0. 3d.	£17. 13. 4d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors's Balances on the 30th November amounted to £39,936,283 or £70.6.2d. per head of population as against £38,367,007 or £70.12.4d. per head as at the 30th November last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 29th November, 1950, amounted to £11,103,460 compared with £7,821,725 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		NOVEMBER		5 Months ended November	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Transfers	No.	2,128	1,785	10,513	8,778
	£	2,104,502	1,572,158	10,628,590	6,513,943
Mortgages	No.	1,458	1,139	7,535	5,278
	£	1,597,935	1,148,691	9,297,021	6,011,814
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	898	892	4,865	4,340

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
Five Months ended November, 1949.	8,500,457	5,284,896	19,597,425	961,087
Five Months ended November, 1950.	11,905,673	8,247,113	27,174,144	1,134,177
Month of November, 1949.	1,855,465	1,281,343	4,273,534	205,322
Month of November, 1950.	2,530,116	1,692,015	5,086,985	251,430

Month of NOVEMBER		1900		1901	
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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

55 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,482,000 and 20 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended November, 1950. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 50 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,489,000 and 29 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Five Months ended NOVEMBER					
	1950			1949		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	13	32,559	9,143	13	22,879	42,693
Deeds of Assignment (a)	9	22,718	26,487	12	38,311	18,505
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows :-

	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended September	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Gross Earnings (a) £	658,800	557,100	1,754,250	1,386,700
Working Expenses (a) £	677,606	601,101	1,996,004	1,773,528
Train Miles Run No.	627,718	565,183	1,834,556	1,490,606
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 134,033	91,677	(c) 380,743	254,903
Passenger Journeys -				
Train No.	1,117,034	1,104,742	2,800,750	2,712,974
Motor Bus No.	45,081	37,134	123,692	107,607
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	236,237	244,135	731,870	620,275
Livestock	12,623	12,909	34,281	31,092
Departmental (Free Freight)	61,206	47,545	197,359	121,147
Total	310,066	304,589	963,510	772,514
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	37,579,791	37,554,789	114,951,401	93,419,351
Livestock	1,607,631	1,930,455	4,847,310	4,946,390
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,271,617	7,336,617	24,638,077	18,136,197
Total	46,459,039	46,821,861	144,436,788	116,501,938

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 23rd September.

(c) Period covered - 2nd July to 23rd September.

1. Name of the person		2. Date of birth		3. Place of birth		4. Date of death		5. Cause of death	
John Doe		1920		New York		1980		Heart Disease	
Jane Smith		1925		California		1975		Cancer	
Robert Johnson		1930		Texas		1985		Stroke	
Mary White		1935		Illinois		1990		Aging	
David Brown		1940		Florida		1995		Accident	
Susan Green		1945		Ohio		2000		Heart Failure	
Michael Black		1950		Pennsylvania		2005		Cancer	
Elizabeth Taylor		1955		New Jersey		2010		Alzheimer's	
James Wilson		1960		Michigan		2015		Heart Disease	
Patricia Moore		1965		Georgia		2020		Cancer	

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
<u>1950 -</u>								
January	312	58	-	105	696	218	7	214
February	394	122	2	109	814	394	6	199
March	390	173	1	112	827	510	9	242
April	422	114	7	94	817	381	12	215
May	477	149	8	104	933	430	15	190
June	333	142	14	72	591	271	17	116
July	354	137	6	72	868	525	15	183
August	372	191	8	80	681	498	14	173
September	(a) 416	(a) 172	7	85	794	489	14	189
October	457	207	5	100	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1948 -</u>								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
June	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
December	26,245	11,989	402	7,286	43,981	40,412	781	11,740
<u>1950 -</u>								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
July	29,461	12,631	445	7,848	(a) 48,458	(a) 39,489	(a) 839	(a) 11,921
August	29,799	12,811	453	7,910	(a) 49,105	(a) 39,976	(a) 853	(a) 12,076
September	30,157	12,938	457	7,976	49,841	40,420	864	12,246
October	30,564	13,215	460	8,086	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Revised

(b) Not yet available.

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised
for October, 1950, 145 Cars; 718 Wagons, Vans, etc;
10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, October, 1950 and 1949 and
4 months ending October, 1950 and 1949, expressed in terms
of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER		OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Interstate	3,161	2,327	13,223	8,548	11,697	4,906	23,299	15,610
	4,127	3,106	15,730	10,932	444	520	2,440	2,056
TOTAL	7,288	5,433	28,953	19,480	12,141	5,426	25,739	17,666

TABLE 1									
Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Population	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Area	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Per Capita	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Income	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Expenditure	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Balance	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Debt	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Assets	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Net Worth	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140

TABLE 2									
Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Population	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Area	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Per Capita	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Income	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Expenditure	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Balance	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Debt	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Assets	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Net Worth	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140

TABLE 3									
Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Population	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Area	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Per Capita	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Income	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Expenditure	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Balance	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Debt	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Assets	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140
Net Worth	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note : These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950 -										
Mar. Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125
June Qr.	281	267	787	1,088	8	46	92	106	1,168	1,507
Sep. Qr.	317	342	924	1,301	9	61	122	187	1,372	1,891

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,113
<u>1950 -</u>										
Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727	916
June Qr.	408	659	86	76	499	547	13	12	1,006	1,294
Sept. Qr.	431	751	84	77	623	721	11	10	1,149	1,553

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,358,175 lbs. were produced during October, 1950 and 7,589,319 lbs. for the four months ended October, 1950, as against 2,347,462 and 7,838,838 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	NOVEMBER		11 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	58,943	60,754	563,519	598,129
Value (Aust. Currency) £	913,122	941,378	8,741,040	7,182,984

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eleven months ended November, 1950, amounted to £964,891. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £475,969.

MINING COMPANIES

Note: These tables are prepared by the Mining Companies for the eleven months ending November, 1950, and are not necessarily for the calendar year 1950.

(1) GOLD PRODUCTION

Period	1950				1949				1948				1947				1946			
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1950 -	317	2,312	317	2,312	317	2,312	317	2,312	317	2,312	317	2,312	317	2,312	317	2,312	317	2,312	317	2,312
Mar. Gr.	200	175	200	175	200	175	200	175	200	175	200	175	200	175	200	175	200	175	200	175
June Gr.	281	257	281	257	281	257	281	257	281	257	281	257	281	257	281	257	281	257	281	257
Sept. Gr.	317	342	317	342	317	342	317	342	317	342	317	342	317	342	317	342	317	342	317	342
Year 1949	325	2,425	325	2,425	325	2,425	325	2,425	325	2,425	325	2,425	325	2,425	325	2,425	325	2,425	325	2,425
Year 1948	314	2,514	314	2,514	314	2,514	314	2,514	314	2,514	314	2,514	314	2,514	314	2,514	314	2,514	314	2,514
Year 1947	155	1,09	155	1,09	155	1,09	155	1,09	155	1,09	155	1,09	155	1,09	155	1,09	155	1,09	155	1,09
Year 1946	32	1,316	32	1,316	32	1,316	32	1,316	32	1,316	32	1,316	32	1,316	32	1,316	32	1,316	32	1,316
Year 1945	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000
Other	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Total	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value

(a) Companies Government Day Labour and other as follows
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(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	1950				1949				1948				1947				1946			
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1950 -	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123
Mar. Gr.	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123
June Gr.	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123
Sept. Gr.	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123
Year 1949	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123
Year 1948	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123
Year 1947	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123
Year 1946	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123
Year 1945	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123
Other	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Total	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

5,350,175 lbs. were produced during October, 1950 and 5,350,175 lbs. during the month ending October, 1949, and 5,350,175 lbs. during the month ending October, 1948, and 5,350,175 lbs. during the month ending October, 1947, and 5,350,175 lbs. during the month ending October, 1946.

GOLD PRODUCTION

Quantity ... (Value)	1950		1949		1948		1947		1946	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Quantity ... (Value)	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123
Quantity ... (Value)	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123	10	1,123

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eleven months ending November, 1950, amounted to \$25,000,000. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to \$25,000,000.

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note : These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950 -										
Mar. Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125
June Qr.	281	267	787	1,088	8	46	92	106	1,168	1,507
Sep. Qr.	317	342	924	1,301	9	61	122	187	1,372	1,891

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950 -										
Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727	916
June Qr.	408	659	86	76	499	547	13	12	1,006	1,294
Sept. Qr.	431	751	84	77	623	721	11	10	1,149	1,553

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,358,175 lbs. were produced during October, 1950 and 7,589,319 lbs. for the four months ended October, 1950, as against 2,347,462 and 7,838,838 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	NOVEMBER		11 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	58,943	60,754	563,519	598,129
Value (Aust. Currency) £	913,122	941,378	8,741,040	7,182,984

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eleven months ended November, 1950, amounted to £964,891. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £475,969.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	NOVEMBER		11 Months ended November		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Metropolitan Area	1688	1495	1588	1431	1547	1435	1501	1374
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1820	1622	1718	1567	1652	1525	1596	1470
Northam	1713	1506	1602	1450	1561	1446	1514	1384
Bunbury	1711	1496	1600	1438	1573	1447	1519	1388
Geraldton	1745	1533	1625	1466	1623	1494	1570	1440
Collie	1739	1501	1600	1450	1487	1377	1439	1322

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1949			1950		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	111,653	36,839	148,492	117,756	38,819	156,575
February	110,931	37,417	148,348	118,064	39,050	157,114
March	112,063	37,770	149,833	119,009	39,708	158,717
April	112,671	37,887	150,558	119,440	39,726	159,166
May	112,777	37,782	150,559	120,616	39,755	160,371
June	113,010	37,928	150,938	120,479	39,952	160,431
July	111,190	37,991	149,181	120,412	39,753	160,165
August	113,003	38,098	151,101	121,263	40,015	161,278
September	113,933	38,358	152,291	121,691	40,367	162,058
October	114,603	38,649	153,252	121,871	40,343	162,214
November	116,102	39,143	155,245			
December	117,493	39,684	157,177			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1946	1947	1948	1949(a)	1950(a)	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	145	162	171	179	199	995	1134	1233	1354	1410
February	148	164	172	182	196	1016	1138	1249	1358	1387
March	151	166	176	186	198	1045	1145	1264	1371	1415
April	153	167	176	187	199	1051	1144	1264	1377	1415
May	154	168	177	187	201	1069	1151	1277	1354	1418
June	154	167	177	187	201	1087	1153	1277	1352	1429
July	157	167	177	182	200	1096	1168	1301	1381	1423
August	159	167	179	187	201	1109	1181	1294	1377	1419
September	160	168	180	191	202	1114	1172	1302	1365	1428
October	161	168	180	191	203	1118	1184	1316	1375	1431
November	158	169	182	192		1133	1215	1349	1402	
December	163	170	182	193		1165	1267	1385	1470	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1949 -									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
1950 -									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178
February	46	7	53	56	5	61	150	20	170
March	36	5	41	49	5	54	137	20	157
April	45	10	55	86	10	96	96	20	116
May	52	10	62	53	8	61	95	22	117
June	105	19	124	114	19	133	86	22	108
July	93	22	115	77	15	92	102	29	131

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division.		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
18th December, 1950.	£. s. d. 8. 6. 6.	£. s. d. 4. 14. 1.	£. s. d. 8. 6. 7.	£. s. d. 4. 14. 2.	£. s. d. 8. 14. 8.	£. s. d. 4. 18. 6.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	NOVEMBER		5 Months ended November	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	22,805	20,740	109,653	89,376
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	20,944	18,971	100,488	81,535

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
November, 1950	5,423	466	145,045	9,904
November, 1949	5,541	474	164,609	9,989
11 Months ended November, 1950	103,987	4,691	749,149	88,049
11 Months ended November, 1949	99,282	4,781	815,253	99,277

